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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

To The Commissioner for Patents:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005. The shortened period for response extends to June 23, 2005. Claims 1-9 have been rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 15 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.